



In May, family and friends mourned the murder of Derry's Greg Smart, right. Three months later his wife, Pam



Smart, left, was arrested for plotting the slaying with her teenaged lover.

1990: THE YEAR'S TOP 10 STORIES

Crime, politics and the economy grabbed local headlines this year

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Major crime, political upsets, and the economic downturn were among the top 10 stories to grab the local headlines in 1990.

Throughout the nine-town Derry News readership area, local towns scrambled to make ends meet in the face of declining revenues and the softening economy. At the same time, residents rallied to hold the line on property tax increases.

In 1990, major crime jarred the small-town sensibilities of local residents, while they tried to comprehend the May 1 murder of Derry resident

Gregory Smart; the April indictment of Daniel Vandebogart in connection with the Kimberly Goss murder; George Gurney as a free man; and the arrest of Londonderry resident Elmer Lee Barron in connection with the murder of a Hampton man.

More economic and social bad news came in August with the Persian Gulf crisis, which took local loved ones from their hometowns to a foreign land, and drove up the price of oil.

Following is a recap of the year's top 10 stories:

The Smart murder

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Derry's Matthew Drive made headlines in October, when local real estate agents and a developer were indicted in the ComFed bank fraud scandal in connection with the development.

The top 10 stories of the year

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uate Pamela Wojas Smart was arrested Aug. 1 for conspiring with her teenaged lover to kill her husband, Gregory Smart.

Smart, a 24-year-old insurance salesman, was found murdered May 1 in the couple's Derry townhouse six days short of the couple's first anniversary.

Almost two weeks later, police arrested three Seabrook teens in connection with the murder. All three have been certified on the district court level to stand trial as adults. A Superior Court ruling is pending, while the youths remain in custody.

In court papers, authorities alleged Smart was having a love affair with one of the teens. The document said she told a close friend that she had her husband murdered because keeping the couple's dog and furniture would not be possible through a divorce.

Smart has been held without bail since Aug. 13 at the Goffstown state women's prison, where she is awaiting a Feb. 4 trial.

Gurney is freed

The second jury to deliberate murder charges against George Gurney, who was accused of killing his former wife's lover



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